

Hasselman-Blood family papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Hasselman, Watson J., 1853-1927
Title	Hasselman-Blood family papers
Date	1847-1933
Extent	0.7 Cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize folder
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Lewis W. Hasselman was the father of Otto and Watson Hasselman and was elected an Overseer of the Poor in Indianapolis in 1833. Earlier he made substantial contributions to Germantown, a neighboring community. He founded the Washington Foundry which fabricated agricultural implements, steam engines, grist mills and sawmill equipment. In 1864 Hasselman and Vinton were drawn into a legal suit (of undetermined origin), Hasselman and Vinton vs. Herman Kortepeter, argued in Danville, Indiana. When Vinton retired from the business (1865), Hasselman reorganized and called it the Eagle Machine Works, located at the intersection of South Meridian and Louisiana streets. In time, it moved to the two hundred block of North Meridian. Later it merged with Sinker-Davis Machine Company, adding the manufacturing of threshing machines. Lewis also served as a trustee on the local School Board in the early 1860s.

In 1870 Lewis and his cousin William Fishback, an Ohio-born attorney who settled in the Hoosier capital in 1857 and later law partner of Benjamin Harrison, bought the *Indianapolis Journal*. Lewis built a handsome house located on the southwest corner of Meridian and Vermont streets. Designed by Francis Costigan, an early and respected Indiana architect. Hasselman largely looked to imported Italian workers to complete the internal work. Later the house was known as the Fahnley house, named for its last owner. The house was razed after 1921 for the construction of the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Source:

Hasselman Family Materials, ca. 1860-1958, Manuscript and Visual Collections, M0135, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

Biographical Note

Ida (Blood) Hasselman was the daughter of Colonel James Blood (1819-1891) a prominent early settler of Lawrence. Ida Blood grew up in Lawrence and graduated from KU in 1874 as a science major. She married Watson J. Hasselman on October 31, 1877 and moved to Indianapolis where she lived until her death.

Source:

Blood-Hasselman Collection, Kansas Collection, RH MS-P P399, Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas Libraries

Biographical Note

Watson J. Hasselman was born in 1853 and was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis. His father, Lewis Hasselman, was the founder of the Eagle Machine Works, considered to be one of the earliest industries of Indianapolis. After the Civil War, Hasselman developed and managed a greenhouse called the Indianapolis Flower and Plant Company. He also engaged in real estate business and was a member of the Board of Trade. He died in 1927.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of business papers regarding Eagle Machine Works and indentures, deeds, plans, and other financial documents associated with land ownership and subdivision development in Indianapolis. Also included are some personal papers and photographs from Hasselman and Blood families in various locations throughout the Midwest and United States including Indiana, Minnesota, and Kansas. Notable items include correspondence from May Wright Sewall and a wedding invitation for Benjamin Harrison's daughter, Mary Scott Harrison McKee.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Eagle Machine Works.

Family Name(s)

- Hasselman family -- Archives

Genre(s)

- Business records

- Deeds
- Photographs
- Plat maps

Geographic Name(s)

- Marion County (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- McKee, Mary Scott Harrison, 1858-1930
- Sewall, May Wright, 1844-1920

Subject(s)

- Real estate management--Indiana

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Correspondence and other documents, 1863-1933	1	1
Ruddell-Vinton subdivision indentures and other documents, 1883-1894	1	2
Hasselman Place Addition indentures, plat maps, and other documents, 1845-1891	1	3
Hasselman Place Addition indentures, plat maps, and other documents, 1922-1936, undated	1	4
Hasselman and Blood families photographs, circa 1847-1933	1	5
Hasselman and Blood families photographs, circa 1847-1933	1	6
Hasselman and Blood families photographs, circa 1847-1933	2	1
Eagle Machine Works indentures, bills of sale, and other financial & legal documents, 1865-1895 August	2	2
Eagle Machine Works indentures, bills of sale, and other financial and legal documents, 1895 September-1919, undated	2	3
Eagle Machine Works Illinois land indentures, titles, and other documents, 1876-1891	2	4

Eagle Machine Works Texas and Wisconsin land indentures, deeds, and notes, 1883-1894	2	5
Eagle Machine Works Eastern Indiana Counties land indentures (Blackford, Howard, Madison, and Randolph counties), 1882-1886	2	6
Eagle Machine Works Southern Indiana Counties land indentures (Bartholomew, Pike, and Ripley counties), 1882-1886	2	7
Eagle Machine Works-Western Indiana Counties land indentures (Carroll, Hendricks, Montgomery, Putnam, and Tippecanoe counties), 1882-1886	2	8
Eagle Machine Works Northern and Central Indiana Counties land indentures (Wells and Marion counties), 1882-1886	2	9
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Postmaster appointment, United States passport, and University of Kansas diploma, undated	OBC003	